

December 16, 1978

Dearest Fr. Charles, MAP,

Trusting that all is going well for you and your brothers in Alamos! Your letter of Nov. 27th encouraged Fr. Aloysius very much. He read this while he was hospitalized about two weeks ago. Since then he has returned to the Provincial House in good health. Thank the brothers for their prayers in his behalf. Fr. has said repeatedly that your enthusiasm in leading the M.A.P. despite innumerable difficulties is a definite sign that Almighty God wants the Missionaires of Perpetual Adoration.

Here are some items which Fr. Founder wants you to take care of:

1) The dogs should be trained properly before they get any older. Obedience training should be done every day. You can be proud of properly trained dogs and this edifies others. Assign a competent brother for this. If you need an instruction book in English for this purpose let us know, but most of this is common sense. Trained dogs are most useful. Fr. Aloysius wants these dogs to be guard dogs and he wants them trained.

2) Fr. is happy you are not renewing the barn contract. But he insists on what he told you in his letter of Nov. 16. Obtain some young milking cows. Disregard completely Mr. O'Connor's recommendation. Regarding the animals do follow Father's letter and inform the directors about it. The work milking cows entail will be the same whether you get them now or later on.

(See paragraph #10 of my letter dated Nov. 30, 1978)

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Before purchase have the milking cows properly inspected and treated by a veterinarian and afterwards have them inspected regularly. You should contact Mr. ^{Larry}~~Mark~~ La Mar, a retired ^{not home} American engineer who has a cattle ranch in Alamos. He lives on the hill near the jail. Brothers Martin and Bill met him with David Boyer last June. At that time Mr. La Mar offered to help in the future when the brothers needed advice, etc.

3) Fr. Founder wants a strict inventory of everything be taken, typed, and a copy sent to the directors. This should be done before other items are shipped to Mexico. Father also wants an inventory of the articles we are keeping for the M.A.P. in California. Alex Manahan, our accountant who you will be so happy to meet, will help in Los Angeles with this. What Father wants is that nothing be disposed of, lost, given away, stolen, loan out, etc. Fr. Founder is fearful of the Mexican, and even some brothers, who might see your beautiful pictures, statues, books, etc. and walk away with them, borrow them and the like. Even in the Provincial House this happens with the insiders, those living within the community. Start a strict inventory at once, type it, and send us a copy. Perhaps all the brothers can participate. Brother Bill remembers how Art Carr took an inventory of everything at Valley Plastics at the end of the year. I remember how U.S. National Bank had an inventory number for every piece of furniture, including lamps and tables. Even in the insurance business, claims for theft will be settled on the basis of an inventory (substantiated by an independent appraisal). In business, inventories are verified by outside auditors.

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Father Founder makes reference many times to the fact that Americans have no conception of POVERTY, or the value of works of art, etc. By the brothers taking an inventory they will more fully realize the value of the items which have been provided for them by Almighty God through their Founder by the generosity of the poor. Father wants this done before you make a trip back to the States for more things.

4) Fr. Founder wants you to keep secret and private, even from the brothers, many items which pertain to the M.A.P. Secrecy about your treasure of religious pictures, works of art, and other things are essential. You should have a definite cloistered area. Fr. suggests upstairs where the chapel used to be and where Father wants someday another chapel. He recommends you install there a door with a lock so that unauthorized persons will be kept out. Fr. Founder states that only you should have the key. Also, Fr. wants you to have a safe, and only you should have the combination. Privacy in all these matters and secrecy will protect the M.A.P. DO NOT SHOW ANYTHING TO ANYONE, or else you will have robbers. I repeat, don't show only to a few trusted friends, no, on the contrary, don't show anything to anyone. Fr. Aloysius is concerned as a Founder here, and this will require obedience and poverty on the part of the other brothers. Fr. many times recalls from the Old Testament how one of the kings of Juda showed his beautiful treasures to another king. Shortly thereafter the neighboring king attacked the king

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thereafter the neighboring king robbed the first from all his beautiful treasures. KEEP THINGS SECRET AND HAVE PRIVACY.

5) Pray for the success of Mary Walker, living saint.

Fr. requests that all of the brothers write to her a single letter and that you all sign it, promising prayers, and thanking her for all of her prayers, generous donations of books and works of art. My garage is full of her beautiful pictures which she has donated to the M.A.P. She has known Fr. Aloysius for many, many years. Her address is: Mary Walker, Box 245, Lancaster, CA 93534.

[Keep this private from even the other brothers -- she has a legacy which she wants to give to the M.A.P. -- some oil property in Oklahoma. This is being worked out with Mr. O'Connor. Keep this a secret; these are the instructions of Fr. Founder.]

6) Thank Ruth Sollet for wanting to donate a Monstrance.

Try to get a good one through the Bishop. You need two good ones, one for upstairs and one for downstairs, the small chapel upstairs and your main chapel. Art Carr also wants to donate a monstrance. Let neither Ruth nor Art know you are being donated a monstrance from others. Ruth and Art want you to send them how much it is going to cost. Your bishop could get you a good price.

7) Fr. Aloysius wants to know if the caretaker is skillful?

Does he know how to patch things in a nice way? Father sees as the priority tiling the roof and sealing the leaks. Can the caretaker direct the brothers properly in these things? Fr. has so many questions, he wants all the details. Father is extremely thankful that God has provided the caretaker for the M.A.P. His example on practical things is the best way of teaching your subjects what needs to be done around the monastery. If they see him working, they cannot refuse him. He should be their teacher in practical matters around

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the house. Finally, if the caretaker is good, Fr. Aloysius wants you to keep him permanently. Let Fr. know what you think.

8) Keep in touch with Jim Finney.

9) Pray for Tony Arpaia especially, Fr. Aloysius requests this of you and the other brothers.

10) On items like gaskets for the toilets, etc. Fr. wants you to write to Tony, because he and Trina take a personal interest in the M.A.P. and Tony is so generous, particularly if you ask him.

11) Eventually you should get a good safe and not give anyone of the community the secret of the combination. This was already mentioned in #4 of the present letter.

12) We have here a crucifix of Christ the King worth when purchased \$150.00. Fr. wants this in the chapel.

13) Father asks the following: What have you done with the pictures you took down with you? Are they hanging in the rooms or in a corner? Of the eight I.H.M. pictures on felt, one should be in the parlor. They should be hung properly with good taste. Pay attention to Bro. Patrick on this. There should be uniformity, each hung in the same place in every room, the same height, etc. . . like they should be in a monastery.

14) Fr. Founder wants you to answer the letter of Ed and Frances Collins, 3211 E. Orange Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85018.

The Collins are the sister and brother-in-law of Anna Teplick.

15) If you have too many masses to be said, you are

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~~are~~ free to send them to anyone. The important thing is for the Masses to be said. Fr. Founder said you can send these Masses to Fr. Urkiri. *IN FACT, FR WANTS you to send him AS MANY AS YOU CAN.*

16) You can announce to Fr. Urkiri that you, Fr. Charles, are going to send to Fr. Urkiri \$800.00 to pay for the constitutions as a Christmas present. Shortly we will send you the money to send to Fr. Urkiri, but Fr. wants you to announce it to him ahead of time. *FR HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED it to him.*

17) Fr. likes the idea that you are going to make the pig pen somewhere else out of the barn because this will avoid the bad odors, the bad stench in the barn. Pigs are so dirty that its better that they be by themselves, but somewhere well protected --- not roaming around the property.

18) "Charlie, I thank you very much because you obeyed my orders and God inspired me how you should behave and you obeyed and everything has been well. Everyone knows now that you are there, that you are ordained, and that the congregation is there. It is not a secret anymore, and besides there are no bad feelings. In the archives there is the letter of the Fr. General and also your letter to Fr. General when the Bishop of Obregon called you to his diocese. Fr. Leo Matt~~ichek~~asked me if you were incardinated, and I told him you were incardinated to a diocese. It was a good thing I told him that in all truth because with that they cannot say anything, rescind or break from here anything. The bishop there will defend you and protect you, and he will know what day and when you can be exhonored from the incardination.

19) Try to study how you can form, besides being a congregation,

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a secular institute, a branch of secular institute joined to the congregation, but with people from Mexico, born from Mexico. Don't start broadcasting that here in the States because that will be very harmful. But with people from Mexico there is no danger. Don't disclose this to any in the States, because they will not keep secrecy. This would cause much confusion as Fr. O'Connor told me in the beginning. NO ONE FROM THE STATES, but get all the members you can from Mexico and other nations. In all of this YOU be the Superior and organizer. This will speed up the approval of the M.A.P. and its rapid expansion. The Bishop will go with you in your plans because he loves you and wants you promote your plans that already Fr. Founder indicated to you. The congregation and the secular institute would be two distinct branches under the same Superior General. The latter would be without the religious vows but with yearly renewal of the Oath of Perseverance in the M.A.P. Secular Institute. When they take this Oath of Perseverance they must also consecrate themselves especially for the love and service and apostolate of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to help the M.A.P. Congregation by using the means at their disposal or as indicated by the Superior General.

Praises and Thanksgivings be every moment given to the All Holy and Divine Sacrament of the Sacred Eucharist and be ever venerated the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Faternally yours,

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